

Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself. We reside in Shelton, Connecticut. A few years ago there was a case of a person who took advantage of our special education department in the Norwalk Public Schools and committed a crime by impersonating a behavior analyst. Her name was Stacy Lore and she stole countless hours away from our children with special needs. As a teacher who has been working for more than 28 years in the Norwalk Public schools, I understand very well how important it is to provide our students with special needs with the proper skills and education provided by the right personnel.

I am asking that the committee support SB 1089 (sections 23-29) in favor of licensure for behavior analysts in the state of Connecticut. It is imperative that we establish a license for these professionals as they provide services to children and adults with special needs who don't always have a voice to advocate for themselves.

Please support licensure for behavior analysts.

Sincerely,

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